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21 May 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

SUBJECT: Progress Report Ad Hoc IAC Committee
(Watch)

REFERENCE: Your memorandum to the undersigned
dated 19 May 1954, subject as above

1. In referenced memorandum you evidence your concern at the wording of the Preamble of subject report as set forth in the attachment to IAC-D-6/1 (Revised), dated 26 April 1954.

2. May I call your attention to the following documents which I believe will be instructive in that they represent the subsequent actions taken by the IAC respecting the document you have questioned:

a. IAC-M-150, dated 4 May 1954, paragraphs 2-6, inclusive. (This minute records the IAC action on and discussion of the document on which you have commented.)

b. IAC-D-6/1 (Revised) Second Draft, dated 6 May 1954. (This document incorporates suggestions made by the IAC members at the 4 May meeting, the minutes of which are referenced above.)

c. DCID 1/2, "Terms of Reference, Watch Committee," which was approved by the DCI on 13 May 1954. (This Directive incorporates additional comments and suggestions made by the IAC agencies subsequent to issuance of the Second Draft referenced immediately above. You will note that DCID 1/2 incorporates modifications of the language the earlier version of which caused you concern.)

This is OK
but is radically
different
from the one
I objected
to.

3. The IAC first formed the ad hoc committee to review the Watch process on 6 October 1953 (IAC-M-124, paragraphs 3 and 4). At that time, the AD/CI was asked to call the first meeting, at which meeting he was selected Chairman. The IAC Secretary, although adequately informed by Mr. Sheldon's staff during the course of the ad hoc committee's deliberations, is nevertheless perhaps not sufficiently informed to permit him to respond adequately to your referenced memorandum. Insofar as you may wish to explore the matter further, I suggest that you consult Mr. Sheldon, whom I am providing a copy of this memorandum, as well as a copy of your referenced memorandum.

This was a very good day
for the school. It is the idea
of Congress of, bar, all.

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